

VENERABLE DUKE GEORGE INTERESTED IN STAGE

Death of Oldest Reigning Prince in Europe Directs Attention to His Services.

MARRIED TALENTED ACTRESS

To Him Citizens of Sax-Meiningen Owe It That They Are Citizens of Sovereign State—Anecdotes in Connection With Activities.

Berlin, July 18.—The death of the venerable Duke George II., of Sax-Meiningen, who was the oldest reigning prince of Europe, has directed attention to his great services for the German stage. It may be doubtful whether any other ruler did so much to elevate the character of the stage's offerings and the taste of the people. The duke's interest in this line began in the sixties, and the first dramatist to whom he turned attention was Shakespeare. In 1872, after the death of his second wife, he married Ellen Frann, a talented actress of the Meiningen Court Theatre, and henceforth devoted all his spare time to theatrical affairs.

Shakespeare, Kleist, Schiller and other great dramatists were given presentations of a character far in advance of anything previously seen in Germany. In the seventies and eighties the "Meiningen" as the court actors of Sax-Meiningen were termed, were the criterion by which all other serious actors were judged. In his last years the duke became deaf, but his interest in the theatre was strong until the last.

To Duke George the inhabitants of Sax-Meiningen owe it that they are citizens of a sovereign State of the empire. His father was a bitter enemy of Prussia, and when the war with Austria broke out in 1866, he abdicated in favor of George II., in preference to joining forces with Prussia. George, a warm friend of Prussia, promptly cast his lot with her and thus saved Sax-Meiningen from the fate that befell the tiny Nassau principality which, joining hands with Austria, lost his throne and saw his land become a Prussian province.

The newspapers have been producing some delightful anecdotes in connection with the duke's theatrical activities. Ludwig Barney, who has since become one of the leading actors of Germany, played Hamlet with the "Meiningen" some forty years ago. At the rehearsals it was the custom of the duke to sit alone in the audience-room and make his comments from time to time on the work of the actors. In the scene of Hamlet with the players, Barney spoke in a rather careless, amateur manner the lines that Hamlet quoted from the imaginary play as addressed to the players. The duke, however, was not pleased, and remarked: "I think, Herr Barney, that this speech must not be spoken in such a trivial, conversational tone, but in a finer style." Barney answered that Hamlet was only a dilettante, and no actor—to which the duke replied that Polonius bestowed very high praise upon Hamlet's declamation. "In my eagerness to defend my view," says Barney, "I answered: 'Yes, your highness, but Polonius was a courtier, and such people always regard everything that a prince does as something wonderful.' The duke's only reply to this really was a peal of laughter that rang through the theatre."

Paul Lindau, well known for nearly two generations of Germans as writer and theatrical manager, served the duke in the latter function in the early days of the "Meiningen," but after several years he came to the conclusion that the little town of Meiningen afforded too narrow a field for him and sent in his resignation. "A poet," he wrote, "needs the great city, needs strong impressions—and this he can never have at Meiningen. Here no poetic gift is wasting away; I can do no creative work here." The duke accepted the resignation, but wrote on the margin: "Their Lindau should go to Huerbach. Schiller wrote his 'Don Carlos' there."

Bernhard Frederik, the new duke, might have become one of Germany's military leaders but for an incident which throws a significant light on the attitude of those in authority toward the mistreatment of soldiers. The duke, who had taken part in the Franco-German War, a Lieutenant, became later commanding general of the Sixth Army Corps. While he held this post, a soldier committed suicide to escape continued mistreatment by noncommissioned officers. The affair, unfortunately by no means the first of its kind, drew from Bernhard a sharp order against such brutality. The order provided that every case of mistreatment was to be reported to the general commanding for his consideration and that the order should be read to all officers, noncommissioned officers and privates, at least three times yearly. The order was generally acclaimed by the public, but it evoked the sharpest displeasure of the officer corps and of the reactionary press. Great was the astonishment of civilian circles a few weeks later when it was learned that Bernhard had, in a personal letter from the Emperor, been commanded to withdraw the order, and that he had thereupon resigned. His conduct evoked wide sympathy for his humanity and sense of justice, and he is still popular because of his stand at that time.

The new duke is sixty-three years old. He has found time, aside from his military duties, to make himself an authority in ancient Greek literature, and he bears the popular name of the scholar. He married in 1878 the Princess Charlotte of Prussia, eldest sister of the Emperor.

ROMANCE OBLIGATORY LANGUAGE OF COURTS

Berne, July 18.—The voters in the canton of Grisons have just balloted almost unanimously in favor of Romance being the obligatory language of the courts. Romance is a survival of an ancient tongue derived from Latin, and is one of the four languages officially recognized in the Swiss Parliament, the others being German, French and Italian. Romance has been dying for centuries, and is now spoken only in the canton of Grisons and small districts in Eastern Switzerland, where Latin was planted by the legions of Caesar, who settled there. Several of the judges in the Grisons courts and many lawyers practicing in them have only slight knowledge of Romance, as cases usually have been pleaded in German and Italian.

YOUNG WOMAN OF VIRGINIA WEDS MUSICIAN

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)
Cumberland, Md., July 18.—Mameth Eumphy, a blind musician of Petersburg, Grant County, West Virginia, and Miss Louise Elizabeth Croner, of Union, near Harrisonburg, Va., were married this morning at Windsor Hotel, here, by Rev. H. Eugene Richardson, pastor of the United Brethren Church. The bride is a high school graduate. The witnesses who came here for the event were Ray C. Cochenour and Harry G. Carter, of Harrisonburg, Va.; Edward W. McNeill, of Morgantown, West Virginia; and W. E. Hill, of Petersburg, West Va.

DOVER ASSOCIATION TO MEET IN WEST POINT

Church, of Which Rev. E. W. Billings Is Pastor, Will Entertain Annual Religious Gathering.



REV. E. W. BILLINGS.

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.]
West Point, Va., July 18.—The Dover Association will meet July 21-22 with the West Point Baptist Church, and in the church, newly renovated, will receive a cordial reception. This body is now composed of all the Baptist Churches in Richmond, Henrico, Hanover and some in King William and Gloucester Counties. On two other occasions the Dover Association has met with the West Point Church—once in 1886 and again in 1895. The first time Dr. George Cooper, of the First Baptist Church, Richmond, preached the introductory sermon, and the last time Rev. W. L. Wright, of Leigh Street Baptist by lease and bounds. Rev. E. W. Billings came to West Point from Lexington, Va. A large delegation is expected to be present next week, as the place is so available from every point.

FOR SOUTHERN CITIES

Items in General Delinquency Bill for Public Buildings.
Washington, July 18.—The Senate today incorporated into the general delinquency bill these additional items for public buildings in Southern cities: Cape Charles, Va., post-office site, \$2,500; Clifton, S. C., site and commencement of post-office, \$5,000; Massena, Va., post-office site, \$3,750; Mount Airy, N. C., post-office site, \$5,000; Mount Olive, N. C., post-office, \$2,000; Woodstock, Va., post-office site, \$4,250.

HOUSE USED BY GOETHALS AT CULEBRA IS REMOVED

Panama, July 18.—The house at Culebra, which for seven years has been the home of Colonel Goethals, has been removed. It probably will be re-erected at Ancon, on the site of the cemetery from which the bodies were recently disinterred, and again serve as the home of the Governor of the Canal Zone until a substantial governor's mansion is built. In the meantime Colonel Goethals is occupying the house at Culebra, formerly occupied by his son, Lieutenant George R. Goethals, recently transferred to West Point. As soon as the new administration building is completed at Balboa, Colonel Goethals will transfer his residence to it, and also will remove his residence to Ancon. The two towns practically are one.

The destruction of the engineer's residence marks the beginning of the end of Culebra, which is to be abandoned along with Empire and other Canal Zone towns.

Instantly Killed by Train. (Special to The Times-Dispatch.)

Greensboro, N. C., July 18.—Frederick Paire, a young white man, aged twenty-two years, was struck by a train at Greensboro, N. C., and instantly killed. The body was embalmed and taken to his home at Friendship for burial.

Continued coughs, fevers and night sweats are among the symptoms of serious lung trouble. Eckman's Alternative is beneficial in bringing relief in many cases, complete recoveries. Read School City, Mo.

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Exceptional Monday Bargains

Boys' Norfolk Suits, made of pretty fancy mixtures, well tailored, perfect fitting and worth \$3.00 and \$1.95 \$3.50; special . . . \$1.95

Children's Straw Hats, in a wide variety of stylish shapes, good quality Milan braid and worth \$1.50 50c and \$2.00; special at . . . 50c

Boys' Norfolk Suits, all-wool materials, such as serges, worsteds and chevots, good assortment of patterns, made with patch pockets; worth \$7.50 and \$8.00; special \$4.95 at . . . \$4.95

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Special for Monday only, Whittemore's Tan and Black Polish, also Albano and Magic Perfect White Cleaners for all kinds of white shoes; sold regularly for 10c; special at . . . 6c

A new and complete line of Women's House Shoes, soft, pliable and comfortable; all have rubber heels, tips and plain toes; all sizes; very special \$1.00

Misses' and Children's Two-Strap Pumps and Patent Coll, gunmetal and tan calf, in sizes from 5 child's to misses' 2; all are well made with stout soles; worth \$1.00; special . . . 79c

Misses' and Children's White Canvas, Mary Jane and Two-Strap Pumps; also button Shoes; splendid quality; well made and perfect fitting. Special Monday at 99c only

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Allover Embroidery; handsome baby patterns; regular price 50c, special, yard . . . 25c

18-inch Embroidery Flouncing; beautiful eyelet patterns half way up; regular 39c yard, special, yard . . . 25c

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Ice Chests and Refrigerators at July Clearance Sale Prices



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Lift Cover Refrigerator, value \$15.98, \$10.98

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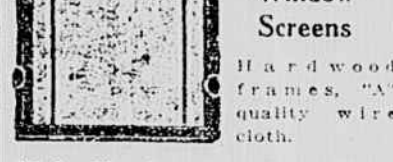
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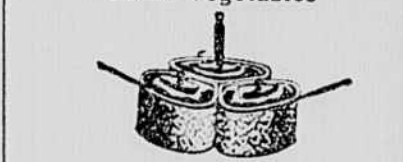
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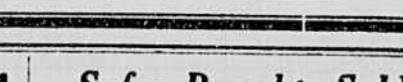
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